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This is the twenty-third issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a list serve that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to louisa.lichtman@ServeAlabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Conferences

- **Alabama Early Intervention and Preschool Conference**
"Simple Gifts"
Statewide conference for professionals and families concerned with the welfare of children with disabilities, ages birth to five.
November 8-10, 2006
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile
Pre-registered: Professional \$90, Parent/Student \$40; On-site registration: Professional \$125; Parent \$65. Group discounts are available at \$5.00 per person for groups of 10 or more registering from the same agency.
<http://www.ucp.org/uploads/ALBrochure06.pdf>
- **The Sixth Annual Alabama Dept. of Corrections Prison Ministry Conference**
October 6-7, 2006

Kingwood Assembly of God Church; Alabaster, AL
Special banquet for Ministry Leaders on October 5, 2006
Pre-registration \$25/person; at the door \$30/person; only Saturday \$10/person

Registration and information about the event will be available soon at
<http://www.kingwoodchurch.com/>

- **Domestic Violence Conference**
“Equipping a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence”
Wednesday, October 11, 2006
Brandon Center; 1701 Cole Avenue; Florence; Alabama
\$15 registration fee includes lunch, snacks, materials, and CEUs/CLEs
<http://www.nwalsafeplace.org/modules/wfchannel/index.php?pagenum=82>
- **2006 Workforce Development Conference**
“Workforce Development = Economic Development: Alabama’s Formula for Success”
October 11-13, 2006
BJCC, Birmingham, Alabama
Pre-registration fee \$150/person, on-site registration \$200/person
<http://www.owd.alabama.gov/conference2006.htm>

Trainings, Seminars & Workshops

- **Training Workshop to Grow Your Non-Profit Community-Based Organizations**
The Alabama Marriage and Family Project
FREE but registration is required
http://www.alabamamarriage.org/PDFs/2006_AMF_PCCF_Flyer.pdf

August 29-30, 2006
Snead State Community; Boaz, Alabama

October 4-5, 2006
The Phoenix; Orange Beach, Alabama

November 15-16, 2006
AU Hotel & Dixon Conference Center: Auburn, Alabama
- **The Alabama Faith-Based and Community Initiative Information Seminar**
Alabama Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiative
Thursday, October 12, 2006; from 10:00 a.m. until noon on the first floor of the RSA Union Building, Suite 192

For more information view
<http://ServeAlabama.gov/Invitation.pdf>

- **Managing Spontaneous Volunteers in Times of Disaster**
Sponsored by: Calhoun RSVP
Trainers: Points of Light Foundation and Corp. for National & Community Service
October 25, 2006; 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Calhoun County EMA; 507 Francis St W; Jacksonville, AL 36265
FREE, materials and lunch will be provided
Please RSVP by October 23, 2006 by calling RSVP (256) 435-5091 or fax (256) 435-5410 or email: calhounrsvp@cableone.net

General Information

- **“Evaluation Report: Engaging Persons With Disabilities in Service”**
Points of Light Foundation
http://pointsoflight.org/downloads/pdf/Engag_Persons_Disabilities.pdf
- **“Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Checklist”**
The new checklist identifies steps faith-based and community organizations can take to prepare for a pandemic and could be helpful in other types of emergencies.
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/faithcomchecklist.html>
- **Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**
Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting.
<http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- **Kids Count Data Book**
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S.
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- **“Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers”**
HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding.
http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbc_i_pubs.aspx

- **“A National Conversation—Friends and Family First”**
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
Medicare Enrollment Toolkit
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- **One-Stop Career Centers**
The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:
<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>
- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**
This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program.
<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/publications.html>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development & Housing, Emergency Preparedness & Response; Education & Arts; Health & Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth & Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development & Housing

- **Rural Community Development Initiative**
Congress initially created the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) in FY 2000 to develop the capacity and ability of nonprofit organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized tribes to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development in rural areas. Grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipient organizations to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.

The respective minimum and maximum grant amount per intermediary is \$50,000 and \$300,000

Applications are due by October 10, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10294>

- **Honor the Earth Grant Program**

The mission is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues and to develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. Grants are provided to Native organizations in the U.S. and Canada that are directed and controlled by Native peoples. Priority is given to Native grassroots, community-based organizations, and groups with a lack of access to federal and/or tribal funding resources. Funding categories include Environmental and Energy Justice, Building Sustainable Communities, and Youth.

Applications are due September 15, 2006

<http://www.honorearth.org/grants/apply.html#restriction>

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**

Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.

Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000

Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>

- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**

Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.

Limit of \$5,000 per application

Rolling applications

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million

Applications are submitted on a Rolling Basis

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>

- **State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**

Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable

Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to homeownership; 3) Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership 4) Foster sustainable communities; and 5) Rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/cogrants.htm>

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- **2005 Hurricane Victim Assistance**

For Washington, Mobile, and Clarke Counties The funds are restricted to residents of those three counties and does include those who were displaced from other areas, but are now residing in those counties.

United Way of Southwest Alabama

The assistance is for delinquent mortgage or rental payments and also for rental deposits for those who can no longer reside in their homes or apartments. The United Way of Southwest Alabama has guidelines for eligibility and the clients must be seen by one of our housing counselors. If they are working with 2005 hurricane victims and need the assistance mentioned above, have the client contact us at 251-246-9898 in Clarke County or 251-602-0011 for Washington or Mobile Counties.

- **Hurricane Disaster Assistance**

The Rural Housing Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. This Notice is intended to announce the availability of supplemental hurricane disaster assistance to be administered through the Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan and Grant program. USDA Rural Development will provide CF Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000,000 and CF Direct loan funds in the amount of \$149,253,000 for essential community facilities in rural areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-13432.htm>

- **Phase II Hurricane Response & Recovery Grant**

Funding Assistance only for Mobile, Washington and Clarke Counties

United Way of Southwest Alabama

Mortgage/rental assistance of \$20,000 to homeless families who are Katrina victims who have children under 18 years of age. Organizations can refer families to the Homeless Coalition of the Gulf Coast but we are the only organization that will distribute these funds. Checks will be written to rental agencies, mortgage companies, etc. on behalf of the eligible families but NOT to families themselves. Those applying; have children under the age of 18; provide all required documentation; can only be used for mortgage and rental assistance. Anyone interested in applying or referring families can call the Homeless Coalition of the Gulf Coast at 441-1991 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

- **A Special Fund for Hurricane Katrina Disaster Assistance**

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for service projects in any locale where there is a substantial need for assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Such projects may include direct medical aid to evacuees or non-medical assistance to both victims and those adversely affected by this disaster. Examples might include providing healthcare information to displaced persons in shelters, or counseling assistance to overstressed relief workers, or instituting social and educational programs for small children.

Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis through 2006

<http://humanism-in-medicine.org/cgi-bin/htmlos.cgi/04202.1.5750774146319301812>

Education & Arts

- **School-Based Student Drug-Testing Program Grants**

This program provides funds to local educational agencies to support development and implementation of drug-testing programs in schools.

12 awards for totaling \$1,680,000

Applications are due September 5, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?revNum=1&mode=VIEWREVISION>
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- **Big Read Accepting Applications for Community-Wide Reading Program**

National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services aims to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture and introduce its transformative power into the lives of ordinary Americans. Participating organizations will select a book from the program's list and produce a highly participatory community-wide read with innovative and diverse programming between January 2007 and June 2007. Grants will generally range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and require a match of at least one-to-one with non-federal funds

Applications are due September 12, 2006

<http://www.neabigread.org/about.php>

- **Support for Performing Artists**

The Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation provides support to individual artists as well as organizations. Composers, lyricists, and book writers may apply for general support for the continued development of their work or for a specific project. Nonprofit producing companies may apply for project support for the development and/or production of a new piece created by an artist who previously received an individual award from the Foundation. Average grant awards in prior years have ranged from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Applications are due September 15, 2006

<http://www.ilpaf.org/apply.html>

Health & Human Services

- **The National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP)**
A national training and technical assistance partner of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), assists national service programs to increase the participation of members and volunteers with disabilities in national service.
Four grants of \$40,000 each
Deadline for proposal submissions is September 5, 2006
<http://www.aucd.org/projects/NSIP/NSIP.htm>
- **The Alabama Women's Commission**
The commission is seeking proposals that focus on education and awareness in the area of Women and Children's Health with an emphasis on Health Literacy, particularly in rural and or distressed areas of the State, and projects that focus on education, awareness and prevention of domestic violence.
Deadline to Apply is September 8, 2006
Complete Application Instructions are available at www.ServeAlabama.gov, then go to Women's Commission
- **Cable Positive Tony Cox Community Fund**
National grant program that exists to encourage community-based AIDS organizations and cable outlets to partner in joint community outreach efforts, or to produce and distribute new, locally focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements (PSAs).
Grants are available of up to \$5,000
Applications are due September 15, 2006
<http://www.cablepositive.org/programs-tonycox.html>
- **Domestic Violence Prevention Programs**
The Mary Byron Foundation created the Celebrating Solutions Awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that show promise in breaking the cycle of violence. For programs that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting the root causes of domestic violence and developing solutions to break the cycle. The Foundation selects programs run by nonprofit organizations or government agencies that can serve as models for communities throughout the nation. Both the nominated program and the institution must have been operating for a minimum of three years.
Four awards of \$10,000 are given annually
The nomination deadline is September 16, 2006
<http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/index.html>
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Domestic Hunger Program**

The goal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Domestic Hunger Program is to provide relief and development assistance for those who suffer from hunger and injustices related to hunger in the U.S. Priority is given programs that help people with the least resources for meeting their basic needs and women and children living in poverty. Funded projects should have, whenever possible, some formal or informal connection with the ELCA, its synods, congregations, affiliated organizations, or ministries.

Application deadline is October 1, 2006

<http://www.elca.org/grantinghope/grantsprocess/>

- **Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program**

The Office of Rural Health Policy's Health Care Services Outreach Program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. The emphasis of the grant program is on service delivery through creative strategies requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners.

25 awards totaling \$3,750,000

Applications are due by October 18, 2006.

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10326>

- **R.O.S.E. (Regaining One's Self-Esteem) Fund Grant Program**

The R.O.S.E. Fund is a national nonprofit organization committed to recognizing, assisting, and empowering women who have broken the cycle of domestic violence. The Fund distributes grants to various nonprofit organizations whose programs work to achieve the Fund's mission--to encourage personal growth beyond the initial recovery from domestic violence. The majority of grants are distributed to small organizations (annual budgets no greater than \$500,000); however, larger organizations that substantially address the Fund's mission are also supported.

The application deadline is October 31, 2006

<http://www.rosefund.org/programs/grants.asp>

- **The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation, Inc**

The foundation funds programs in the areas of arts advocacy and education to nonprofit organizations which are led by or supported by adults with disabilities. Encourage distinctive projects that change the face of disability in a community.

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000

Applications are due November 1, 2006

<http://www.ela.org/grants/grants.html>

Youth & Eldercare

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000

Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year

http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=about

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

- **Youth Service America: YouthRising**

Youth Service America and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are co-sponsoring the YouthRising grant program. This program will offer grants of \$2,000 for projects that engage high-risk and/or gang-involved youth (ages 12-25) in service to their communities. The goal of this initiative is to design and implement creative service projects that engage such youth in service and develop their capacity for leadership and civic engagement. Funded projects should be co-led by youth and adult allies such as parents, coaches, teachers, etc. A significant portion of the project must take place on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. The application deadline is October 12, 2006.

http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable

Foundations

- **Verizon Foundation**

The Foundation focuses on literacy programs and domestic violence prevention. The Foundation also supports initiatives that promote access to wireline, wireless, and broadband technologies in order to address the issues of literacy and domestic violence.

Proposals are reviewed from January 1st through November 30, 2006

<http://foundation.verizon.com/>

- **Foster's Community Grants**

Grants are provided in the following focus areas: wellness, including both physical and mental health; culture, including artistic, sporting, and educational activities; and the environment, including all aspects of the natural environment.

Applications will be accepted from August 1 to September 29, 2006

<http://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm>

- **Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy**

The program supports the development of literary skills for primary caregivers and their children.

Applications are due September 8, 2006

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

- **Women's Sports Foundation: RYKÄ Women's Fitness Grant**

The Women's Sports Foundation is a national charitable educational organization seeking to advance the lives of girls and women through sports. RYKÄ has joined forces with the Foundation to offer grants to nonprofit programs that enhance the lives of women through health and fitness. Support is provided to fitness programs that: empower and enhance the self-esteem of women aged 25 and older; combine fitness activities and health education; and/or serve women recovering from health or emotional challenges.

One \$10,000 grant and eight \$5,000 grants will be awarded

The application deadline is September 8, 2006

<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=31>

- **Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation**

The Foundation provides grants for projects that address the following issues: promoting economic literacy, teaching economics effectively, testing the impact of economic education, and helping disenfranchised youth and adults learn to participate in the economic system. The Foundation is primarily interested in proposals that are national in scope; regional or statewide programs are not generally supported.

The application deadline is September 15, 2006

<http://www.kazanjian.org/>

- **Discount Foundation**

The Discount Foundation focuses on alleviating poverty by supporting exemplary programs to make work pay. Grants support innovative ways and means of reducing poverty by elevating wages and creating job opportunities, primarily through localized community and workplace organizing efforts that include strong leadership development and public policy advocacy. While the Foundation previously had established geographic limitations, grant requests are now considered from nonprofit organizations working across the U.S. The Foundation's grantmaking categories include: From Living Wages to

Statewide Minimum Wages, Immigration, Social Change, and Worker Organizing.

The deadline for online letters of inquiry is September 15, 2006

<http://www.discountfoundation.org/>

- **Home Depot Foundation**

Two areas of concentration: affordable housing and the environment.

Applications are due September 15, 2006

<http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support.html>

- **Staples Foundation for Learning**

The mission is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The goal is to provide grants of up to \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations with programs and services that will positively impact their communities every day. Guided by this mission, the Foundation seeks to support causes that teach, train, and inspire people from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds.

Applications are due September 15, 2006

<http://www.staplesfoundation.org/>

- **CVS Pharmacy Community Grants**

CVS is currently accepting proposals for the following: (1) programs targeting children under age 18 with disabilities that address any of the following: (a) health and rehabilitation services; (b) public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs (c) creating opportunities or facilities which give greater access to physical movement and play and (2) health-care services for uninsured people.

Applications are due October 31, 2006

http://www.cvs.com/corplInfo/community/community_grants.html

- **CIGNA Foundation**

Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant_information.html

- **The Janus Foundation**

The Janus Foundation strives to develop partnerships with U.S. nonprofit organizations that are innovative, visionary, and forward-thinking in their approach. Nationally, the Foundation has elected to focus on the following two grant programs: At-Risk Youth through Education supports educational programs that offer a combination of academic, leadership, and life skills that provide youth with the tools necessary to become self-sustaining members of their community. Community Service and Volunteerism supports

organizations that enhance the effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and work to engage more people more effectively in voluntary community service.

Applications are accepted throughout the year for all grant programs

<https://ww4.janus.com/Janus/Retail/StaticPage?jsp=jsp/Janushome/JanusFoundation.jsp>

- **Public Welfare Foundation**

The program supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.

http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp

- **The Starr Foundation**

It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and healthcare, human needs, public policy, culture and the environment.

Awards of up to \$2,000

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.starrfoundation.org/>

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**

Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn & Serve America, and Senior Corps.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**

Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.

<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>

- **Grantproposal.com**

A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.

<http://grantproposal.com/>

- **Developing a Powerful Grant Proposal: A Step-by-Step Tutorial**

18-part series that covers the entire spectrum of grant proposal development. This series offers step-by-step tutorials, checklists, worksheets, and samples to help guide proposal development. The series will help novice grant writers understand each segment of the process, as well as provide more experienced grant writers with new ideas about how to approach grant writing.

http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News_Views_px/tracktosuccess.asp

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